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In re Patent Application of: Ryan Smith Westberry <i>et al.</i> Appln. No.: 10/588,689 Filed: June 29, 2007 For: <i>dUTP Based Compositions for Reducing Primer-Aggregate Formation during Nucleic Acid Amplification</i>	Confirmation No.: 9609 Group Art Unit: 1637 Examiner: Young J Kim <u>CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence, including listed enclosures, is being electronically transmitted in Portable Document Form (PDF) through EFS-Web via Hyper Text Transfer Protocol to the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Electronic Business Center on: Dated: <u>DECEMBER 4 2008</u> Signed: <u>Nicholas Garnett</u> Nicholas Garnett
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response is timely submitted on or before December 5, 2008. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment and notify us of same, to Deposit Account No. 504616 (Our Order No.: 46998-105005; Our Docket No.: 186257/US).

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 5, 2008, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.